

## CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Monday, March 19, 2001

### SENATE

#### Measures Introduced:

**S. 561.** A bill to provide that the same health insurance premium conversion arrangements afforded to Federal employees be made available to Federal annuitants and members and retired members of the uniformed services; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

Collins

*Pages S 2472, S 2474*

**S. 563.** A bill to amend the Social Security Act to require Social Security Administration publications to highlight critical information relating to the future financing shortfalls of the social security program, to require the Commissioner of Social Security to provide Congress with an annual report on the social security program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Santorum

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**S. 565.** A bill to establish the Commission on Voting Rights and Procedures to study and make recommendations regarding election technology, voting, and election administration, *to establish a grant program under which the Office of Justice Programs and the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice shall provide assistance to States and localities in improving election technology* and the administration of Federal elections, to require States to meet uniform and nondiscriminatory election technology and administration requirements for the 2004 Federal elections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Dodd

*Pages S 2472, S 2475-7*

#### S. 27. Campaign Finance Reform:

Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of **S. 27**, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide bipartisan campaign reform, and the Senate then began consideration of the bill, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

*Pages S 2433-69, D 229*

#### Rejected:

***Domenici/Ensign Amendment No. 112***, to increase contribution limits in response to candidate's use of personal wealth and limit time to use contributions to repay personal loans to campaigns. (By 51 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 37), ***Senate tabled the amendment.***)

*Pages S 2449-68, D 229*

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Tuesday, March 20, 2001.

*Pages S 2530, D 229*

#### S. 420. Bankruptcy Reform--Agreement:

***A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that with respect to S. 420, Bankruptcy Reform, amendments 43, 54, and 66 be modified or further modified to make technical corrections.***

*Pages S 2531-2, D 229*

#### S. 420. Bankruptcy Reform Act As Passed By The Senate On March 15, 2001.

*Pages S 2480-S 2530*

#### Nominations Withdrawn:

**Senate received notification of the withdrawal of the following nominations:**

**Bonnie J. Campbell**, of Iowa, to be **United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit**, which was sent to the Senate on January 3, 2001.

**James E. Duffy, Jr.**, of Hawaii, to be **United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit**, which was sent to the Senate on January 3, 2001.

**Barry P. Goode**, of California, to be **United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit**, which was sent to the Senate on January 3, 2001.

**Roger L. Gregory**, of Virginia, to be **United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit**, which was sent to the Senate on January 3, 2001.

**Kathleen McCree Lewis**, of Michigan, to be **United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit**, which was sent to the Senate on January 3, 2001.

**Enrique Moreno**, of Texas, to be **United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit**, which was sent to the Senate on January 3, 2001.

**Helene N. White**, of Michigan, to be **United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit**, which was sent to the Senate on January 3, 2001.

**James A. Wynn, Jr.**, of North Carolina, to be **United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit**, which was sent to the Senate on January 3, 2001.

**H. Alston Johnson, III**, of Louisiana, to be **United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit**, which was sent to the Senate on January 4, 2001.

**Sarah L. Wilson**, of Maryland, to be a **Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims** for a term of fifteen years, which was sent to the Senate on January 3, 2001.

**Timothy Earl Jones, Sr.**, of Georgia, to be a *Commissioner of the United States Parole Commission* for a term of six years, which was sent to the Senate on January 5, 2001.

**James H. Atkins**, of Arkansas, to be a *Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board* for a term expiring September 25, 2004, to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate, which was sent to the Senate on January 5, 2001.

**Sheryl R. Marshall**, of Massachusetts, to be a *Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board* for a term expiring October 11, 2002, to which position she was appointed during the last recess of the Senate, which was sent to the Senate on January 5, 2001.

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**Committee Meetings Scheduled:**

**United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control**, 3/21/01 @ 9:30 a.m. To hold hearings to examine the use and effects of the drug ecstasy. SH-216.

**Committee on the Judiciary**, 3/21/01 @ 10:00 a.m. Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition Subcommittee to hold hearings on **S. 520**, to increase and maintain competition in the domestic aviation industry. SD-226.

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**Committee on the Judiciary**, 4/3/01 @ 10:00 a.m. To hold hearings to examine online entertainment and related copyright law. SD-226.

**Committee on the Judiciary**, 4/25/01 @ 10:00 a.m. To hold hearings to *examine the legal issues* surrounding faith based solutions. SD-226.

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**Committee Meetings Scheduled (Cont'd.):**

**Committee on the Judiciary**, 5/1/01 @ 10:00 a.m. To hold hearings to examine high technology patents, relating to business methods and the internet. SD-226.

**Committee on the Judiciary**, 5/8/01 @ 10:00 a.m. To hold hearings to examine high technology patents, relating to genetics and biotechnology. SD-226.

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**Remarks:**

**Campaign Finance Reform.**

*"... I have sought recognition in morning business to reference legislation on campaign finance reform which I originally offered on September 18, 1997, as S. 1191. I refer to it today because there are a number of specific provisions which may form the basis for amendments to S. 27. I wanted to give my colleagues express notice that I might be offering such..."*

Specter

Pages S 2421-33

**[From the text of S. 1191, Introduced by Senator Specter on September 18, 1997]:**

**See Page S 2428: TITLE IV--SEVERABILITY; JUDICIAL REVIEW; EFFECTIVE DATE; REGULATIONS. SEC. 402. EXPEDITED REVIEW OF CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES.**

*(a) Direct Appeal to Supreme Court.--An appeal may be taken directly to the Supreme Court of the United States from any interlocutory order or final judgment, decree, or order issued by any court ruling on the constitutionality of any provision of this Act or amendment made by this Act.*

*(b) Acceptance and Expedition.--The Supreme Court shall, if it has not previously ruled on the question addressed in the ruling below, accept jurisdiction over, advance on the docket, and expedite the appeal to the greatest extent possible.*

Extending The Internet Tax Moratorium.

Burns

Pages S 2470-1

Retired Pay Restoration Act Of 2001.

Biden

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**HOUSE**

**Bills Introduced:**

**H.R. 1090.** *A bill to amend sub chapter III of chapter 83 and chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, to include assistant United States attorneys within the definition of a law enforcement officer, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform.*

Davis

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**H.R. 1091.** A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide that a monthly insurance benefit thereunder shall be paid for the month in which the recipient dies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mink

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**H.R. 1092.** *A bill to ensure that amounts in the Victims of Crime Fund are fully obligated; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

Simmons

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**Committee Meeting For Tuesday, March 20, 2001:**

**Committee on Ways and Means**, @ TBA. Hearing on Medicare Solvency. 1 100 Longworth.

**Remark:**

Social Security Benefits Protection Act. (*H.R. 1091*)

Mink

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**Next SENATE MEETING: Tuesday, 9:30 a.m., March 20, 2001.**

**Next HOUSE MEETING: Tuesday, 10:00 a.m., March 20, 2001.**

**OLA: S. Schwarz (Smith), J. Homanich**